

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6610

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USLO PEKING

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, ECON, TH, CH, UR

SUBJECT: RTG REQUEST FOR RELATIVE COSTS OF LIVING IN MOSCOW

AND PEKING

REF: A) 74 BANGKOK 26604

1. THE RTG IS GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF SETTING THE APPROPRIATE OVERSEAS ALLOWANCES FOR THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF ITS NEWLY ESTABLISHED EMBASSY IN PEKING. IN SO DOING, THEY WANT TO TRY TO GET A FIX ON THE RELATIVE COSTS OF LIVING IN MOSCOW AND PEKING SO THEY CAN SET THE ALLOWANCES ACCORDINGLY. WE INFER THAT THE THAI CONCERN WITH THE MOSCOW COMPARISON EMANATES FROM A SUBSTANTIVE CONCERN THAT THE THAI EMBASSIES IN BOTH CAPITALS ENJOY, OR BE ABLE TO AFFORD, VIRTUALLY EQUAL AMENITIES AND STATUS SYMBOLS.

2. THE THAI HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE EXACT USG POST ALLOWANCE STRUCTURE. THEY REALIZE THAT FACTORS SUCH AS USG OWNED QUARTERS AND USG RUN COMMISSARY SUPPORT MAKE SUCH DATA IRRELEVANT FOR THEIR PLANNING. WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE IS ANY RAW COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC DATA WE HAVE ON THE TWO CAPITALS.

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3. IF SUCH DATA IS BETTER TRANSMITTED BY POUCH, PLEASE  
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